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COMMISSION STAFF RESPONDS TO *EVENIMENTUL ZILEI* ARTICLE

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Washington, DC-Ca raspuns la publicarea in *Evenimentul Zilei* din 10 aprilie 1997 a unei scrisori confidentiale prezentata ca fiind scrisa de parintele Gheorghe Calciu si adresata primului ministru Victor Ciorbea, Dorothy Douglas Taft, Director Adjunct al Staff-ului Comisiei pentru Securitate si Cooperare in Europa, si Ronald McNamara, Consilier al Staff-ului Comisiei, fac cunoscute urmatoarele:

“Din pacate, dat fiind ca Parintele Calciu este plecat din tara, nu l-am putut contacta astazi in legatura cu aceasta problema. Ne-am intalnit intradevar cu Parintele Calciu acum o saptamana - pe 3 aprilie- si am discutat despre procesul de extindere a NATO. Amanuntele si punctele scrisorii publicate de *Evenimentul Zilei* nu reflecta cu acuratete nici conversatia noastra si nici analiza procesului de extindere a NATO prezentata de noi. In mod paradoxal, aproape nici unul din punctele mentionate in scrisoare nu au fost nici macar abordate in cursul scurtei noastre intrevederi.”

In reponse to today's story in *Evenimentul Zilei* in which a confidential letter reportedly from Father Gheorghe Calciu to the Prime Minister Victor Ciorbea, Dorothy Douglas Taft, Deputy Chief of Staff for the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, and Ron McNamara, Staff Advisor for the Commission, state the following:

“Unforfunately, Father Calciu is out of the country and unable to be reached today regarding this matter. We did meet with Father Calciu one week ago, on April 3, and discussed the process of NATO enlargement. The details and points made in the letter printed in *Evenimentul Zilei* do not accurately reflect our conversation nor our analysis of the NATO enlargement process. Ironically, virtually every point presented in the letter had not even been discussed in our brief meeting.”

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